



# Light in the Shadows

DECEMBER 2018

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16*

## Let Us Slow Down And Savor This Season

*"I played my drum for him, pah rum pum pum pum, I played my best for him pah rum pum pum pum... Then he smiled at me, pah rum pah pum pum, Me and my drum." ["Carol of the Drum" – final verse]*



This Season of Advent and Christmas takes me back to my childhood when I would play and sing along with our Christmas LP Records on our record player (Wow, that was a while ago!). One of my favorites was "The Little Drummer Boy" composed by Katherine Kennicott Davis in 1941. This carol tells the story of a poor young boy who was summoned by the Magi to Jesus' Nativity. Without a gift to give

the newborn Baby, the young boy offered to Jesus the one thing he knew how to do: he played his drum. Mary nodded and Jesus smiled!

So often, we see Advent and Christmas as the time of the year when our lives and calendars get very full. Instead of slowing down, we're rushing around, it seems, to prepare for the holidays, making sure everything is set and ready for when our family and guests arrive. There's so much to do to get the tree all decorated and the presents wrapped.

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—Rev. Heidi L. Edson

The secular world takes advantage of this time of the year, hoping we will empty our wallets at the stores and malls or online. Christmas in our world tells us that this season is about presents, presents and more presents. That's how Christmas looked like in my family. We shopped for lots of presents! But the material gifts

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## Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>December 2 - ADVENT I</b>  |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist, Rite II<br>( <i>Greening of Church after 10:00 a.m. service</i> ) |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>December 9 - ADVENT II</b>   |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist, Rite II   |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>December 16 - ADVENT III<br/>(Rejoice/Rose Sunday)</b>                         |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist, Rite II   |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>December 23 - ADVENT IV</b>  |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist, Rite II   |
| <b>4:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Advent &amp; Christmas<br/>Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</b>                 |
| <b>MONDAY</b>     | <b>Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE</b>  |
| <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Carol Singing</b>  |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Festival Holy Eucharist</b><br>Holy Eucharist, Rite II                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | <b>Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  |
|                   | <b>The Nativity of Our Lord</b>   |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b><br>[a simple, quiet spoken service]                |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>Dec. 30 CHRISTMAS I</b>  |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist, Rite II   |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>Jan. 6 THE EPIPHANY OF<br/>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>                           |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist, Rite II   |

## From the Senior Warden

Looking Back,  
Looking Forward

This will be my next to last column as Senior Warden. and I'm feeling sad, thinking about that.

Every month when I get a reminder from Pat Fromberger that another column is due I think, "Didn't I just write one?!" Then I settle down and begin to write. Sometimes I know what I'm going to write about. Sometimes I have not

much of an idea. I begin with a stream of consciousness: "where I'm at" personally, or where I think St. Luke's is at, or where we might be headed as a parish. Usually, much of what I write for this initial warm-up process gets deleted.

No matter. I trust that I'll be led and something interesting and good will come of it. And that thought that I just wrote, "I trust that I'll be led and something interesting and good will come of it," that grabbed at my heart a little bit. So now I have my theme.

On reflection, I see that is how I have approached my role as Senior Warden. Since Heidi first asked if I would be Senior Warden, even though not knowing the path, I just trusted, and then responded. I trusted that something good would come of it as I moved forward and embraced the role. As Senior Warden, "The Rector's Warden," I have prayed to keep the Rector's well-being at the heart of my consciousness. I have also prayed to keep the well-being of St. Luke's at the center of my "Senior Warden consciousness."

There are various ways a Senior Warden may interpret and fulfill that responsibility. By personality and by training, I am more of a listener and processor than an action-oriented initiator. It has been a rewarding experience for me. And I have trusted that "something good will come of this."

And now, at this point in the life of St. Luke's, I think it would be good for the future well-being of St. Luke's for the Vestry and the next Senior Warden be more action-oriented. (If you notice that your heart is being grabbed at just a little bit, you could speak to me about serving on the Vestry. Please do.)

St. Luke's and, indeed, all of Christendom, is at a

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I got were not special.

Sometimes, I think, when we're so busy, we might miss out on what God wants to show us. We'll never see it until we slow down and savor this Season. I hope we each can make the time to cherish what God has already given us this Season: His Son, Jesus Christ come at Christmas to us! This gift of God's very Self given to us out of love is a gift we could never hope to repay.

We may then wonder what we can give God in the way of our gifts and talents. With God, it is not the size or the amount we offer that matters. What matters is the offering we give from our hearts. That's the one present that will make Mary nod and Jesus smile as the song goes!

*I wish you God's richest blessings this Season.*

*Heidi+*



## A Merry Balance

In Luke 10:38-42, Martha gets a bad rap. After all, we need Marthas to get things done and to show hospitality. (Note that Martha is the one who opens up her home to Jesus in the first place!)

Marthas are needed in December, but holiday preparations shouldn't shift our focus from the reason for the season. When we become "worried and distracted" as Martha did (v. 41, NRSV), we're tempted to trade God's "one thing" (v. 42) for the world's many worthless things. Yet if we're only like Mary, we may forget to let the world know who we're celebrating!

So this Christmas, keep a proper balance between your inner Mary and your inner Martha. Take time to "be Mary," kneeling at the manger, so that all the merry things you do as Martha have meaning and serve the newborn king.

watershed. If we, as the community of St. Luke's, are to continue as a vital community, or even as a community that survives beyond the lives of our current gray and bespectacled members, we will need prayer, vision, and action!

Let us trust together that we shall be led and something interesting and good will come of our faith trust and action!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!! Hallelujah!!!

*Belinda  
Senior Warden*

## Beautify The Sanctuary With A Gift Of Christmas Memorial Flowers



It has long been the tradition of our faithful altar guild members to adorn the sanctuary and nave at St. Luke's with stunning red and creamy white poinsettia plants in preparation of celebrating the birth of Christ.

Poinsettias are also called, "Christmas Star," perhaps because the shape of the poinsettia

flower and leaves are thought of as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. It's said that this winter flower's association with Christmas comes from a Mexican legend. The story goes that a child, with no means for a grander gift, gathered humble weeds from the side of the road to place at the church altar on Christmas Eve. As the congregation witnessed a Christmas miracle, the weeds turned into brilliant red and green flowers. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity. The plant is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first United States ambassador to Mexico and the amateur botanist who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825.

At St. Luke's Church, members give donations to purchase the poinsettia plants as memorials for departed loved ones or in special thanksgiving for family members and special friends. If you wish to participate in this lovely tradition send a check payable to: "St. Luke's Church" with a memo, "*Christmas Memorial Flowers*" to: **Eileen Widger, 7142 Popple Dungeon Rd., N. Windham, VT 05143.** The deadline date is **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please include a list with the names of persons you wish to commemorate, PRINTED CLEARLY, and indicate whether the persons named are for a "Memorial—those who have died" or are a "Thanksgiving—for those still living. These names will be placed on a special insert in the Christmas Bulletins.

## Infinite Treasure

The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith. Love also is the measure: the more the heart loves, the more it rejoices in what God provides.

The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean according to your faith and love. —*Jean-Pierre de Caussade*

## Join Us For A Festival Of Lessons & Carols On Sunday, December 23!

We invite you to come join us for the annual festival of **Advent/Christmas Lessons and Carols** to be held at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, **December 23, 4:00 p.m.**

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is possibly the best-known Christmas service in the Western world. The service celebrates the birth of Jesus by telling the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in a series of short readings from the Bible. The readings are interspersed with carols, choral music, and congregational singing of hymns. For many it's a moving spiritual experience. Do plan on attending and bring along a friend or neighbor as well!



## Calling All Readers For Lesson & Carols!

This year's Lessons & Carols Service that will take place on Sunday, **December 23rd at 4:00 p.m.**, is open for those who would like to read one of the nine Scripture Lessons for this lovely service. You do not have to be a regular Lector to participate as Reader for this service. St. Luke's invites all ages to take part. If you are interested, please contact the St. Luke's office or Rev. Heidi.

## A Christian Symbol: Angel

Angel, which means "messenger" in both Hebrew and Greek, is a spirit-being God created to perform tasks for him. In the Bible, angels appear in human form (always as men) to deliver divine messages. Angels appear separately to Joseph and Mary, announcing Jesus' upcoming birth, and "a multitude of the heavenly host" (Luke 2:13) tells shepherds of the Savior's arrival. Scripture offers little information about angels, though we know some rebelled against God. Among the holy angels, categories include cherubim and seraphim.





## November Vestry Meeting Highlights

The upcoming Christmas holiday season is a time of wonderful joy and anticipation, but—as the year winds down to an end—also a time of essential planning and reality.

- **Focus: Finance/2019 Budget:** Treasurer John DesLauriers presented a worksheet for the 2019 budget showing three columns: the present 2018 budget, Version 1 for 2019 and lesser Version 2 for 2019. He explained the changes noted in the two proposed versions. However, the two largest expenses—salary and health care—are basically fixed, and projected income is expected to be less because of the death or relocation of important supportive parishioners. **Diocese Loan Payment.** In addition, the principal and interest on the loan must be repaid quarterly for the next 10 years. The first payment starts in December at \$1,141. Thereafter in 2019 it will be about \$1,167 per quarter. **Fuel.** Prices are up for the 2018-2019 season, but our usage last season was low. Therefore this season we have contracted for 1,500 gallons at \$2.899 per gallon, rather than last year's 1,800 gallons at \$2.299 per gallon. **Grounds Maintenance.** To continue to save money, we will again have parishioners mow in the summer; but will have shoveling help in the winter. **Altar Flowers.** Eileen Widger has taken over as Directress for Adelaide Johnson. Until a new owner comes to Chester Flowers in January, flowers will come from Woodbury Florist or Shaw's. In the summer they may come from members' gardens. Flowers are an income/expense wash at about \$25 per Sunday for remembrance. **Outreach.** John proposes the same 2018 donation in both 2019 versions because parishioners feel strongly about that support. **Final Draft Budget.** After pledges are received, a final draft budget will be voted on by the Vestry at the December Vestry Meeting. **Pledge Drive.** Skits featuring Belinda Whipple Worth and Marti Assenza and then David and Marjorie Carey will be presented on two November Sundays to inspire parishioners to return their pledges before December 1.

- **Junior Warden's Report: Rental Policy and Form.** Andrew Pennell created a draft for guidelines and pricing. A subcommittee of the Reverend Heidi, Belinda Whipple Worth, David Carey, and Marti Assenza will check with the Diocese for samples, edit the draft as necessary, and bring a revised draft back to the Vestry for consideration. **Outside Lighting.** A few months ago Andrew installed a solar light on the fence post near the back walk/drive to provide light at night. He will install sensors to allow the post lights go on at dark. When the Andersons take ownership of the Moon Dog building in January, a light will be installed there to help illuminate the back area.

- **Senior Warden's Report: Vestry Member Terms and Expiration Dates.** Terms expire for John DesLauriers,

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Marti Assenza, and Janet Hunter upon the election of new Vestry members at the Annual Meeting in 2019. As agreed before the 2018 Annual Meeting, Belinda Whipple Worth is resigning after one year of her 3-year term. John has agreed to have his name added to the slate to complete the last two years of Belinda's term to keep term timing on track. Janet and Marti will consider running for another three-year term, but the Vestry would like at least one additional parishioner who is willing to serve. Anyone who is interested should contact Belinda or another Vestry member to learn more about the opportunity to become more involved at St. Luke's. Belinda will encourage interested parishioners to serve in an article for the December LITS.

- **2019 Annual Parish Meeting:** In the past, to comply with church canon, the parish has met in January and quickly passed a motion to continue the meeting on a named date in February to allow for figures to be gathered for the Annual Report, which will not be written by Lew Watters this year. A volunteer is needed to take over this important task. The report and meeting will be discussed at the December Vestry Meeting. [Subsequent to the Vestry meeting, Rick Hunter volunteered to take on the task.]

- **Christmas Decorations:** Greenery will be scheduled at different times for the outside and inside of the church to make the tasks easier and to allow the outside to be decorated in advance of the Christmas Tea and the Town's Overture to Christmas.

- **Cookie Tour on Sunday December 9, 1-5 PM.:** The Vestry supported Bonnie Watters' request to have the church open for the Main Street event and encouraged her to organize the needed docents and bakers for 20 dozen cookies.

- **Next Regular Vestry Meeting:** (second Wednesday) **December 12th, 6:30 p.m.** in Willard Hall. Focus of meeting will be the 2019 Budget and the Annual Parish Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian Willis, Clerk

2019 JANUARY LITS Deadline:

 **DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

Send all articles, announcements, photos, etc. to:  
Pat Fromberger, 180 Gates Rd., Andover, VT 05143  
Email: [panjoe@vermontel.net](mailto:panjoe@vermontel.net)

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"Once we have seen [Jesus] in a stable, we can never be sure where he will appear or to what lengths he will go or to what ludicrous depths of self-humiliation he will descend in his wild pursuit of men." —Frederick Buechner

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Extraordinary supporters and artists: John and Alison DesLauriers.

## Wonderful Wreaths!

The **2018 Wreath-Decorating Workshops** once again brought delight to experienced participants and surprising, newly discovered creative talents to first-time wreath artists. Some participants treated friends or relatives to the sessions as a birthday present or special gift. Others have made the workshops an annual tradition that heralds a Christmas season filled with family and friends. One came as a result of a conversation at a St. Luke's Pancake Breakfast. Whether people came alone or with friends, all involved enjoyed decorating luxurious evergreen wreaths with myriad natural seeds, pods, berries, and different greens and ribbons especially gathered to encourage people to create their own personal wreath. In four different workshops the week before Thanksgiving, 30 people from 11 towns in Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire decorated 40 wreaths that prepared them for the Christmas season with a decoration that would last well into 2019. In fact, one longtime participant confided that she had only just removed her wreath the day before this year's workshop. She said her wreath was in a covered position on the north side of her house and looked almost as good as when she hung it up one year ago.

Once again the selection of materials was unusual and vast. Special thanks for special greens supplied and the loaning of glue guns and clippers go to Pat Fromberger. Enormous thanks go to amazing gardeners Nina and Don Huffer, who scout for new natural items each year (such as this year's broom corn), grow many of the items, and contribute an astounding variety of evergreens, seed heads, pods, pine cones, and other natural elements. Appreciative thanks also go to John DesLauriers and David Willis for helping with set-up and clean-up. In addition, each man created a stunning wreath! These are multi-talented, all-around wonderful men.

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Can you see the delicate birch bark star that Rick Hunter created?

Because of the popularity of the program, and in spite of creeping cost increases, St. Luke's is able to send a \$100 donation to the Chester Conservation Committee's Youth Environmental Camp Scholarship fund and to contribute over \$600 for the church's General Fund. Next year we will be stricter about the early bird discount and the necessity of firm reservations and payment to secure a wreath and one's preferred workshop.

The 2019 calendars are out, so we encourage you to mark your calendars for the 2019 workshop dates of November 21, 22 & 23. That way you won't miss this program that gets all participants into the holiday mood and encourages both new skills and new friendships. If you've never done this before, we hope that you will join us in this truly happy activity. —**Lillian Willis**



Martha Stretton and daughter, Betsy. This is an annual tradition for Martha Stretton and daughter Betsy Adamovich.



## The Outreach Corner

### About Americares

Americares is a health-focused relief and development organization that responds to people affected by poverty or disaster with life-changing health programs, medicine and medical supplies. Each year, Americares reaches more than 90 countries and all 50 states in the U.S. with over \$600 million in innovative health programs and quality medical aid, making it the world's leading nonprofit provider of donated medicine and medical supplies.

Natural disasters, poverty, disease, and civil war impact millions around the world. In an emergency, Americares provides quality medical aid, disaster relief and recovery. In vulnerable regions, they pre-position emergency medical supplies, help communities reduce risk and prepare for disaster while training health care providers. In the first hours, the emergency team sets in motion a disaster relief operation uniquely suited for the crisis and conditions on the ground. Americares stay in country for months and years, rebuilding hospitals and clinics and addressing targeted health needs of the community and restoring health care access.

Since the founding of Americares in 1979, they have delivered humanitarian assistance and health-focused programs to 164 countries, including the U.S. Each year, the Americares Medical Outreach program supports more than 1,000 volunteer medical trips to approximately 80 countries with medicines, supplies, and educational resources. Americares is the largest provider of medical aid to the U.S. health care safety net. They help partner clinics increase service capacity, provide comprehensive care, improve health outcomes and reduce costs for patients.

A deeply collaborative organization, Americares have built an unrivaled network of local, national and international partners delivering clinical services, emergency programs and access to medicine. They provide unparalleled leverage for donors' philanthropic dollars by using donated medicine and supplies and the local infrastructure of their partners to build community health. —*Marcia Clinton*

God's relationship to humankind reflects the overflowing and constant love of a heavenly parent, no matter what we do or say. Jesus' commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves is a call to reflect God's love for humankind, no matter what our neighbor does or says. —*Forward Day By Day, 12/8/16*

## PINS Provides Monetary Assistance To Local Family

The PINS (Partners in Service) committee recently received a request from Robbie Wierzbicki, our liaison person, who is working with a family in the Ludlow area. They are behind in their rent due to the father being in a car accident and no longer having a car to get to work resulting in him being let go. They are about \$1700 in debt with their landlord and the family with two small children are now being evicted. The father has found another job where he can walk to work but will not be able to catch up with the rent. The PINS committee voted to donate \$300 to the family towards the back rent. —*Marcia Clinton*



## 2019 Stewardship Campaign Update

November 25th was "Ingathering Sunday" for pledges and we received 13 pledges totaling \$37,070. In 2018 we received 30 pledges so we expect there will be more to follow. As a reminder, the Vestry will need to finalize the 2019 Budget at the December meeting so if you mean to pledge please do so as soon as you are able. Either place your card in the collection plate or mail it to St. Luke's P.O. Box 488, Chester, VT 05143 Attn. Marti Assenza. Thank you all. —*John DesLauriers, Stewardship Coordinator*

## Many Happy Returns



Somehow, not only for Christmas,  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others,  
Is the joy that comes back to you.  
And the more you spend in blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing  
Returns to you glad.

—*John Greenleaf Whittier*

## God's Perfect Gift Of Love

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry said, "Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction." At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth to look outward with us in the same direction, from our perspective and experience.

Jesus was an ordinary person: He learned to talk and walk like any toddler, learned a trade from his father and acquired the habits of faith from his family. In adulthood, Jesus experienced life as we all do: the challenge of hard work, grief at a loved one's death, heartache over oppression and the world's great needs—but also joy in celebration, fellowship with neighbors and deep friendship.

God personally knows our every experience, emotion and need—because Jesus, while fully divine, lived as a full human being. He has gazed at the world, life and even death from our direction, giving us the perfect Christmas gift: love.



## Please Save Cancelled Stamps & Card Fronts



I'm making my annual appeal for everyone to save their cancelled stamps (domestic or foreign)—leaving enough paper around the stamp so that they can be neatly trimmed, ensuring that the stamp is undamaged. The stamps will go to charitable organizations. Also please save the fronts of any used greeting cards such as Christmas, birthday, get well or otherwise. These cards will be recycled into new cards. Please put both the stamps and card fronts in an envelope or a clear plastic bag and leave them on the table at the back of the church or hand them

directly to me on any Sunday. [Note: Do not save scraps of ribbon or wrapping paper as they are no longer needed.] Thank you! —**Freddy Holden**

## St. Luke's Financial Information

|                                   | <u>Oct. 2018</u> | <u>YTD 2018</u> | <u>Annual Budget</u> | <u>YTD % of Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Pledge/Plate Income</b>        | \$ 5,160         | \$ 59,247       | \$ 71,290            | 83.1%                  |
| <b>Other Oper. Income</b>         | \$ 2,661         | \$ 23,305       | \$ 26,900            | 86.6%                  |
| <b>Restricted Income</b>          | \$ 149           | \$ 3,512        | \$ 2,850             | 123.0%                 |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>               | \$ 7,970         | \$ 86,064       | \$ 101,040           | 85.2%                  |
| <b>Regular Expense</b>            | \$ 8,069         | \$ 90,996       | \$ 109,314           | 83.2%                  |
| <b>Restricted Expense</b>         | \$ 149           | \$ 2,398        | \$ 2,550             | 94.0%                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>             | \$ 8,218         | \$ 93,394       | \$ 111,864           | 83.5%                  |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income/(loss)</b> | \$ (248)         | (\$ 7,330)      | (\$ 10,824)          | 67.7%                  |
| <b>*Memorial Gifts</b>            |                  | \$ 21,000       |                      |                        |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                 |                  | \$ 13,670       |                      |                        |

We have completed 10/12ths of 2018, so income and expenses to date should be 83.3% of budget. As you can see income is slightly ahead and expenses are right on target. Once again thanks for keeping pledges up to date. —**John DesLauriers, Treasurer**



## WEEKLY

### • Lunch Bunch Book Study:

**Mondays, Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for bag lunch, sharing, discussion, and prayer. We are currently reading, "The Shack," by Wm. Paul Young. Please come to join us!

### • Mid-Week Morning Prayer and Adult Study:

**Wednesdays: Morning Prayer: 9:40AM;** and **Adult Study 10:30AM** in Willard Hall. We are continuing our Advent study using a book entitled: "Advent Presence: Kissed by the Past, Beckoned by the Future," written by Milford "Bud" Holland. All sessions are stand-alone. Please come join us.

### • St. Luke's Choir Rehearsal:

**Thursdays: 6:45PM-8:30PM** in Willard Hall. On Sundays throughout December, we will also have special rehearsals following the 10:00AM service for those wishing to sing during Advent and Christmas. New members are most welcomed! If you want to know more, contact **Anne Goodreau** at [annegoodreau@gmail.com](mailto:annegoodreau@gmail.com).

## LESS THAN WEEKLY

### • Monthly Vestry Meeting:

**Wednesday, December 12th** in Willard Hall. **6:30PM** for Scripture Reflection; Regular Meeting Agenda begins at **7:00PM**. The focus topic will be "2019 Budget & Annual Meeting Plans." All are welcomed to attend these meetings.

### • Advent & Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols:

Sunday, **December 23rd, 4:00PM;** at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Nine Lessons & Carols will make up this annual festive service. Come and invite your neighbors and friends, See article on page 3 for more information.

### • Chester Cookie & Historic Main Street Tour:

Saturday, **December 9th, Noon to 4:00PM.** St. Luke's Church will be open to visitors who wish to tour the building with docents on hand to answer questions. Cookies will be served.

"The world is round so that friendship may encircle it." —**Pierre Teilhard de Chardin**

# DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays:

|    |                    |    |                      |
|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 2  | Andrew Pennell     | 22 | Michael Fromberger   |
| 5  | Ellie Pennell      | 24 | Noah Jones           |
| 7  | Janice Fielder     | 26 | Alyce Meyer-Fielder  |
| 7  | Bonnie Watters     | 26 | Sanford Johnson      |
| 14 | Alison DesLauriers | 27 | Cindy Roundy-Winston |
| 15 | Pat Cherry         |    |                      |
| 17 | Brad Dunbar        |    |                      |
| 20 | Tom Widger         |    |                      |

## Anniversaries:

22 Bill & Lynne Reed

"Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

—Martin Luther

"St. Luke's  
is an  
intentional  
Christian  
community,  
deepening faith  
and  
broadening  
love."

## ✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

**Dec. 2 I ADVENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Dec. 9 II ADVENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Dec. 16 III ADVENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Dec. 23 IV ADVENT**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
**4:00 PM Advent/Christmas Lessons & Carols**

**Dec. 30 I CHRISTMAS**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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